



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

May 2014

The Jasper Deutscher Verein was founded in January, 1980 to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage in Jasper and surrounding area. The Club is intended to be primarily Social and Not-For-Profit.

Message from Mike.....

Thanks to Kathy Mott for her presentation on many of the opportunities that exist at the Dubois County Library to help us research our genealogy. It is quite amazing that our local library is visited by individuals from outside our area because of the breadth of information that is available as well as the qualifications of staff to assist those wanting to research their lineage. This is something that our area can take pride in and utilize. If you want help to get started researching your genealogy, please email Kathy at kmott@jdcp.lib.in.us or drmott@psci.net.

On Sunday April 27, we had a group of 21 club members, see names below pictures in newsletter, that joined in a caravan to make a trip to New Boston to the Chapel of the Vierzehheiligen where we were greeted by Vince Lueke's mother Mary. This was a very beautiful chapel with antique furnishing donated by other area places of worship that had disbanded or updated. Antique furnishings included an alter from Derby, Stations of the Cross from Siberia, and statues and pews from still other sources.

From there our group made our way to Monkey Hollow Winery for some wine tasting. The Hedinger family, owners of Monkey Hollow, and their staff provided us with great hospitality. We were able to choose some wines to enjoy with a picnic lunch of grilled hot dogs, chips and salad. Monkey Hollow recently constructed a new outdoor seating area that overlooks a lake and the grape arbor with the hills of Spencer County in the background. With temperatures in the mid 70's the beautiful weather was the icing on the cake. A good time was had by all.

For our May 15 meeting, our club's services are being offered to the Strassenfest Committee, club members and other interested individuals who want to learn how to Polka. We will need members with this skill to partner up with our "students" to keep the art of Polka alive through teaching others.

We continue to seek extra opportunities for our club beyond our Thursday meeting dates. Please save the following dates to join us:

Darren Patterson has volunteered to lead a group of interested members to make our own homebrew for our

club's September picnic. Save the dates of Saturday May 10, Sunday May 18, and Sunday June 22 in your schedule. Plan to join us to learn a little about this art and to have a hand in the production of a signature product for our club to enjoy at our picnic. Pack a cooler with your favorite beverage to enjoy as we socialize.

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, June 8 for our next trip to the Bristow Indiana area to visit St Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. This area commonly known as God's Country was created by the Joe Ubelhor family to use the inspirational natural beauty of the area to bring us closer to our creator. Following our visit to God's Country, we will plan a stop a Winzerwald Winery for another opportunity to sample the wares of another craftsman and enjoy a picnic. We will plan to depart from Jasper at 1:00 PM for this caravan. Information about God's Country can be found at: <http://stjosephsholyfamily.org/>

Jackie Braunecker is scoping out the possibility of a trip to Hermann MO for the weekend of October 18/19 to their wine festival. If we get enough interest, we will plan to charter a bus, otherwise, we will simply plan to caravan.

Finally, we had interest raised at our last meeting to start organizing a trip to Germany for the summer of 2015. If you have suggestions, please bring these to our May meeting and get ready for Germany.

Mike Ackerman,
VP, Deutscher Verein

A Great Way to Add to Your German Wardrobe

There have been several requests from members wanting to know where to find German clothing for celebrating our Heritage during the Strassenfest and other functions of the German Club. In our quest to find sources, Dorothy Hautsch, an area seamstress, has consented to custom make women and girls' dresses and lederhosen for boys and men. She can be reached at 309-9925 to answer any questions or schedule an appointment. Viola Wagner also has two German dresses for sale and she can be reached at 482-1995.



President Bridgette Bartley opened the meeting by welcoming the 76 members and 6 guests present. She had everyone with Birthdays in April to stand and led in singing Happy Birthday.

Pam Howard and Barb Schmitt were at the welcome table and Pat and Phyllis Schuler, and Linda Wehr were taking signups for workers for the food and pastry booths for the upcoming Strassenfest.

Vice- President Mike Ackerman then led in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer before the meal.

After the meal the meeting continued with Bridgette asking for the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting which were in the March newsletter.

Clif Howard made first motion, second was made and all approved.

Mike reminded members about the caravan to the Chapel of the 14 Holy Helpers at New Boston. On the way home there will be a stop at the Monkey Hollow Winery. He also stated that at the next meeting on May 15th, we will have polka lessons.

Sandy Wehr discussed details of the Golf Scramble sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. to support the JHS German Exchange Program. It will be held on Saturday, May 17th, at Buffalo Trace Golf Course (formerly known as Muni). Lunch will be at noon with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$50 per person- \$200 per team of 4. The cost includes lunch, cart and green fees. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. If anyone would like to register to participate, donate a prize, or sponsor a hole, please contact Sandy Wehr at 482-2055. Sandy thanked members for their participation in the BR Bucks and supporting the Jasper High School German Exchange Program.

Pat Schuler talked about the Strassenfest food and pastry booth sign-ups. Sign-ups will continue at the May 15th meeting. You can also call Phyllis Schuler at 812- 482- 2373.

Drawings for door prizes was then held. Winners were Ann Ackerman and Linda Wehr. Special prizes went to Judy Gress and Rita Corn.

The program for the evening was Kathy Mott . She gave a presentation on genealogy at the library.

The next meeting will be May 15th at the VFW #673. Doors will open at 6:00p.m. The meeting will begin at 6:30. The program will be a lesson on polka dancing. We will be having Merkley's sausage. Members with last names beginning A-I, please bring a potato dish, J-R dessert, and S-Z a vegetable or salad.



April 27 trip to Chapel of the Vierzehheiligen and Monkey Hollow Winery:

Bridgette & Mike Bartley and Grace, Yvonne & Kevin Mullen, Pam Zehr, Irene and Art Kapp, Donna & Kim Klein, Pat & Mike Hochgesang, Betty & Larry Hanselman, Linda & Wes Rohleder, Gladys & Charlie Knust, Pat & Fred Hollinden, Ann & Mike Ackerman

Deutscher Verein April Meeting in Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met on Thursday, April 24th at the VFW #673.

Strassenfest – July 31 – August 3, 2014

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Submitted by

Barb Schmitt
Secretary

Upcoming Event – Mark Your Calendars

Mai Meeting

At the Jasper VFW

With Strassenfest Committee – Polka Dancing

Donnerstag (Thursday) , Mai 15, 2014

Time: 6:00pm Doors Open

6:30pm - Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Featuring Merkley Meats

Members with last names beginning

A - I – Bring a potato dish
J - R – Dessert
S - Z – Vegetable or Salad

**Golf Scramble Sponsored by Sister Cities of
Jasper, Inc. to support the JHS German
Exchange Program**

Saturday, May 17th, at Buffalo Trace Golf Course
(formerly known as Muni)
Lunch at noon

Shotgun start at 1:00pm

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Cost includes lunch, cart, and green fees

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100

If anyone would like to register to participate,
donate a prize, or sponsor a hole, please contact
Sandy Wehr at 482-2055.

**German American Day Dinner
Monday, Oktober 6th
KlubHaus 61**

Reservations can be made by calling Patti Goepfrich –
482-4821

Let's Meet Hannah Gutenkunst

Hannah Gutenkunst arrived in Jasper in late July, 2013 at the age of 16. She celebrated her 17th birthday here in Jasper on September 21st. Hannah is from Ehrenstetten, Germany, a village near Pfaffenweiler. She attends JHS as a Junior this school year. In Germany, she attends Faust Gymnasium in Staufen. While in Jasper, she has participated in volleyball, YoungLife, and a church group. She enjoys being with her host family and friends, likes shopping, and goes to sporting events at JHS.

She notes that in her home school, they have a different schedule each day, the grading system is very different from JHS, and there are other classes in Germany. She states that JHS is very big. The lunch break here is the same as it is in Germany. Hannah believes that it is a great opportunity to learn about a different culture and to meet new people. She chose Jasper because of the Sister City Partnership and her sister, Maja, was here two years ago.

Hannah's host family is P. J. and Christie Wessel.

**German American Day Program and
Annual German Heritage Award**

The Jasper Deutscher Verein, Jasper Partnership Commission, and Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. will celebrate German-American Day on Monday, October 6th, at KlubHaus 61. The dinner and program will honor the contributions made by German immigrants to the life and culture of the United States.

The 16th annual German Heritage Award will be presented to an individual or group who has contributed generously his/her or their time, talents or resources to maintaining, improving or building upon the German roots in Dubois County. The recognition is open to all individuals.

Sister Cities of Jasper and the Jasper Partnership Commission created the award in 1999.

The Jasper Deutscher Verein is sponsoring the award. Past recipients are Mary Jo Meuser, Claude and Martina Eckert, Dave Buehler, Linus and Sally Lechner, Joe and Irene C. Eckerle, Dan and Linda Wehr, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, the late Lowell and Joan Glendening, Dave and Janet Kluemper, Rafe and Phyllis Ackerman, Vic and Monica Knies, Gary and Rita Egler, Patti Goepfrich, Larry and Betty Hanselman, and Ron and Delli Keusch.

German Heritage Award
P.O. Box 15
Jasper, IN 47547-0015

Sister Cities of Jasper
Jasper Partnership Commission
Jasper Deutscher Verein
GERMAN HERITAGE AWARD

"Honoring those who promote our German Heritage"

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This recognition is open to all individuals, not just residents of the City of Jasper, who give what they can in order to make a difference.

Because the efforts of these individuals are sometimes known only to a few, a nomination will recognize the work of those who generously support our German Heritage.

A committee, consisting of the Presidents of the Jasper Deutscher Verein, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper Partnership Commission, will judge all nominations. The Presidents will present the German Heritage Award during the German American Day Dinner celebration on October 6th at KlubHaus 61.

How you can nominate:

The nominee must be an individual or group, nominated by any individual or group. Please submit the official form (copy is accepted), along with the following:

1. A letter of up to one page listing your reasons for the nomination.
2. A biography, up to two pages, listing the service or efforts of the nominee.
3. Mail or deliver your nomination to: Jasper Deutscher Verein

Nomination for the 2014
German Heritage Award

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____

Relationship to nominee:

Nominee's service is: voluntary / paid
(circle one)

**(Remember, nominations need to be
postmarked to**

**German Heritage Award, P. O. Box 15, Jasper,
IN 47547-0015,**

By September 2, 2014)

News from the Dubois County Suds Club

The Dubois County Suds Club is a group of local homebrewers who get together once a month to share beer and stories. We meet most months at the Schnitzelbank, Mill House or Snaps in Jasper, where we are allowed to bring bottles of homebrew and homemade wine to share. Other months we get together to brew, tour area breweries and hold an annual contest. If you are a homebrewer, or want to learn, come join us at any of the events listed below.
 Justin Rumbach — President
justinrumbach@gmail.com
 630-8433

2014 Schedule

- June 3 - 7pm - Snaps
- July 1 - 7pm - Snaps
- August 2 - Strassenfest Contest
- Sept 2 - 7pm - Mill House
- Sept 27 - Tasters Fest @ River
- Oct 5 - Homebrew Day @ Ferdinand
- Nov 4 - 7pm - The Schnitz
- Dec 6 - Holiday Party

Justin Rumbach

**Gifts to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club)
 German Heritage Endowment**

January 1, 2014 – March 31, 2014

In Memory of LaVerne Kieffner
 Raphael and Phyllis Ackerman
 Gary and Rita Egler

In Memory of Randy Schmitt
 Gary and Rita Egler

In Memory of Jack Sternberg
 Raphael and Phyllis Ackerman

In Memory of Viola Wehr
 Raphael and Phyllis Ackerman
 Harvey and Bernita Berger
 Jim and Rita Corn
 Gary and Rita Egler
 Fred and Mary Jane Roeder
 Danny and Linda Wehr

Endowments at the

Dubois County Community Foundation

**Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club)
 German Heritage Endowment**

A donor-advised endowment to benefit generations in ensuring that our German heritage is preserved and enriched in Jasper and Dubois County.

**Claude and Martina Eckert
 Sister Cities Endowment**

A designated endowment to provide support to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. to support the Jasper/Pfaffenweiler relationship.

A gift to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment or to the Claude and Martina Eckert Sister Cities Endowment is a wonderful way to remember that special someone. A gift in honor of someone or in memory of someone may be given. The Dubois County Community Foundation will send a letter of acknowledgment to the individual being honored or to the family of someone being remembered.

Send your gift along with the appropriate information to the Dubois County Community Foundation, P. O. Box 269, Jasper, IN 47547-0269.

Envelopes are also available at the greeting table at each club meeting.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

to the _____
 (Please specify appropriate Endowment)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

I want my gift to be in memory of / in honor of:

Please acknowledge my gift to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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